

MINUTES OF MEETING
Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission
December 17, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Chairman Kenneth Springs called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM.

2. ROLL CALL.

Mary Jane Niemann called the roll.

JULY 2014	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY 2015	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	COMMISSION MEMBERS
X	X	X	X	X	X							Kenneth Springs, Chairman
X	X	X	X	X	X							Bruce Strom, Vice-Chairman
X		X		X	X							Eric Hansen, Secretary
	X		X	X	X							Mayor Mike Houston – <u>M. Farmer</u>
X	X			X								Andy Van Meter – B. McFadden
	X	X		X	X							Alderman Sam Cahnman
												Alderman Cory Jobe
												Greg Stumpf
X	X	X		X	X							Andy Goleman – <u>C. Stratton</u>
X	X	X	X	X	X							Leslie Sgro – <u>E. McKinley</u>
X	X	X	X	X	X							Frank Vala – <u>R. Blickensderfer</u>
X	X	X		X	X							Brian Brewer – <u>F. Squires</u>
X	X	X	X	X	X							Dick Ciotti – <u>G. Humphrey</u>
X	X	X	X	X								Jeff Vose
X		X		X	X							Larry Hamlin
												Bill Moss
X	X	X	X	X	X							Brad Mills

Others

Staff

Molly Berns
Steve Keenan
Mary Jane Niemann
Norm Sims
Joe Zeibert

3. **MINUTES OF MEETING.**

Chairman Springs asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the November 19, 2014 Regional Planning Commission meeting. There were none. The minutes were accepted as mailed.

4. **MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY BOARD.**

There was no meeting of the Executive Policy Board.

5. **REPORT OF OFFICERS.**

There was no report of officers.

6. **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.**

A. **Happy Holidays** – Norm Sims wished everyone a happy holiday season and bountiful new year.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE.**

Sims noted that the SSCRPC received a Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (see attached) as a result of the SSCRPC's role as Federal funding clearinghouse. The City of Springfield is requesting that the U.S. Department of Housing (HUD) release CDBG funds of \$1,038,204 (FFY 2014) and \$970,000 (FFY 2013). Also requested is the release of HOME funds of \$426,273 (FFY 2014) and \$598,836 (carry over funds from previous program years). Sims stated that staff finds the purposes to be consistent with the plan and do not find that the release of these funds will have a negative environmental impact. Sims said no action is required and no A-95 review is required.

Sims reported that the SSCRPC received a letter from Mr. Paul V. Lee, a resident of Elkhart. (See attached). Mr. Lee requested that the SSCRPC conduct an investigation and impact study of property rezoned in Logan County, one mile east of Elkhart related to its use for mining debris from Viper Mine as well as coal ash slurry that Mr. Lee contends comes from coal fired power generators. Sims noted that he responded to the letter noting that the SSCRPC has no jurisdiction as the site is located in Logan County. He referred Mr. Lee to the Logan County Planning Commission. Sims said it is the SSCRPC's policy to undertake work only if requested by principals of the Commission, such as Sangamon County, the City of Springfield, or a special district; if project is under grant/contract; or if funds are provided to do the work. Commissioner Cahnman asked who requested the study be done. Sims said Mr. Lee, a resident of Elkhart, not a member of a governmental body.

8. **PUBLIC HEARING.**

There was no one who wished to address the Commission.

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

Land Subdivision Committee – Joe Zeibert presented one project to be reviewed by the Planning Commission this month.

**Resubdivision of Lot 2, Wabash Oaks Minor Subdivision – Plat 2
(FKA Chick-Fil-A Subdivision)
Preliminary Plan**

Description: Pt. NW ¼, Section 7, T15N, R5W – North side of Wabash Avenue, east of Veteran's Parkway, near the Longhorn Steakhouse

LSC Action: Recommend approval of the preliminary plan.

Zeibert noted that the location & sketch map for this development was reviewed last month and has been approved by the City Council. Since the last meeting, the sewer easement has been resolved. This development consists of 26 acres with an out lot being divided from the mall.

Brad Mills moved to concur with the action of the Land Subdivision Committee to recommend approval of the preliminary plan. Gregg Humphrey seconded the motion and a roll call vote was unanimous.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

There was no unfinished business.

11. NEW BUSINESS.

There was no new business.

12. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Mike Farmer thanked SSCRPC staff for their assistance with the city/county combined application for a new enterprise zone to begin in 2016. Farmer stated that the City Council and Sangamon County Board had approved an ordinance regarding the application. If the application is approved by the Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO), the city will administer the zone, the same as it has done the past 33 years.

13. ADJOURNMENT.

Chairman Springs noted that the next Regional Planning Commission meeting will be held on January 21, 2015.

There being no further business, Eric Hansen moved to adjourn. Frank Squires seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 9:43 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

MJN

Mary Jane Niemann
Recording Secretary